

equity. We contended to narrow that tax base. What we do is we raise property taxes, real property taxes. We make owning land an impossibility. We're going to make owning a home an impossibility. Not only that, we're shifting that burden to the sales and income taxes. This is wrong. It's not very farsighted. It's very shortsighted. Those agricultural interests that are pushing this today are absolutely incorrect. For the short run, it's a good idea and I have said before and I'll say again. Senator Schmit has done an excellent job in drawing this bill up. He's done an excellent job in pushing this through and John DeCamp deserves a great deal of the credit, also.

PRESIDENT: We are on Final Reading.

SENATOR NEWELL: Let me say this before we forget, that this is only a stroke of genius for the short run. The idea is down the road. The agricultural interest will be beginning to feel the pinch. Real estate property will continue to rise because there is no tax base. The sales and income tax money will have dried up because of the \$70 million ceiling. The real property will increase and then there will be about that same time the clamoring by the business interests...

PRESIDENT: You have two minutes, Senator.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...to exempt of the total...of the ten minutes?

PRESIDENT: Yes, you have two minutes left.

SENATOR NEWELL: About that time comes the business interests asking to exempt equipment, business equipment. The cost of that is some \$50 million. Is that going to come from sales and income tax? It certainly will. This is something we've got to think of. This is a very shortsighted solution to a problem which may or may not be a problem but it's the most shortsighted solution I've seen in a long time. Senator Burrows is correct that in the long run this bill is going to hurt agricultural interests more than it will the urban interests. In the long run, this bill is going to cause the small family farmer to sell his farm and move to the big city where he can be unemployed with 6 or 7% of the rest of the people. I think it's a mistake. I would hope this body would look at it twice. It is an absolute travesty of economic justice and a mistake that we will all regret in time and that time is not so far in the distant future. Five years, it will begin to pinch. Ten years it will hurt like everything. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I call the question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? I do. The question is shall debate now cease. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 10 nays.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. The question then is shall this bill then be returned for this specific amendment to strike the enacting clause. Record your vote. We are under call or rather we are under Final Reading. Have you all voted? Record.